School Finance System Transformation

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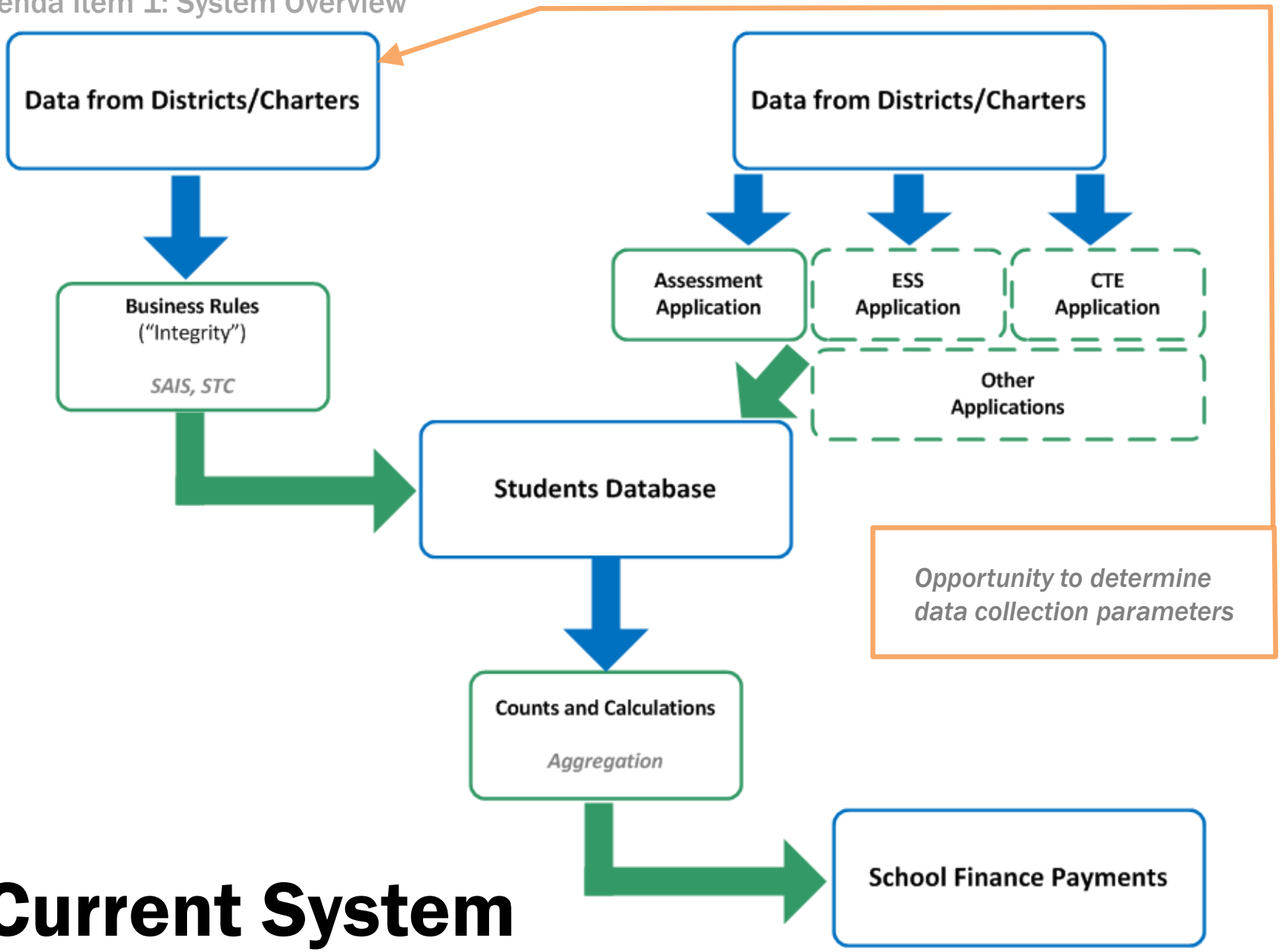
Agenda

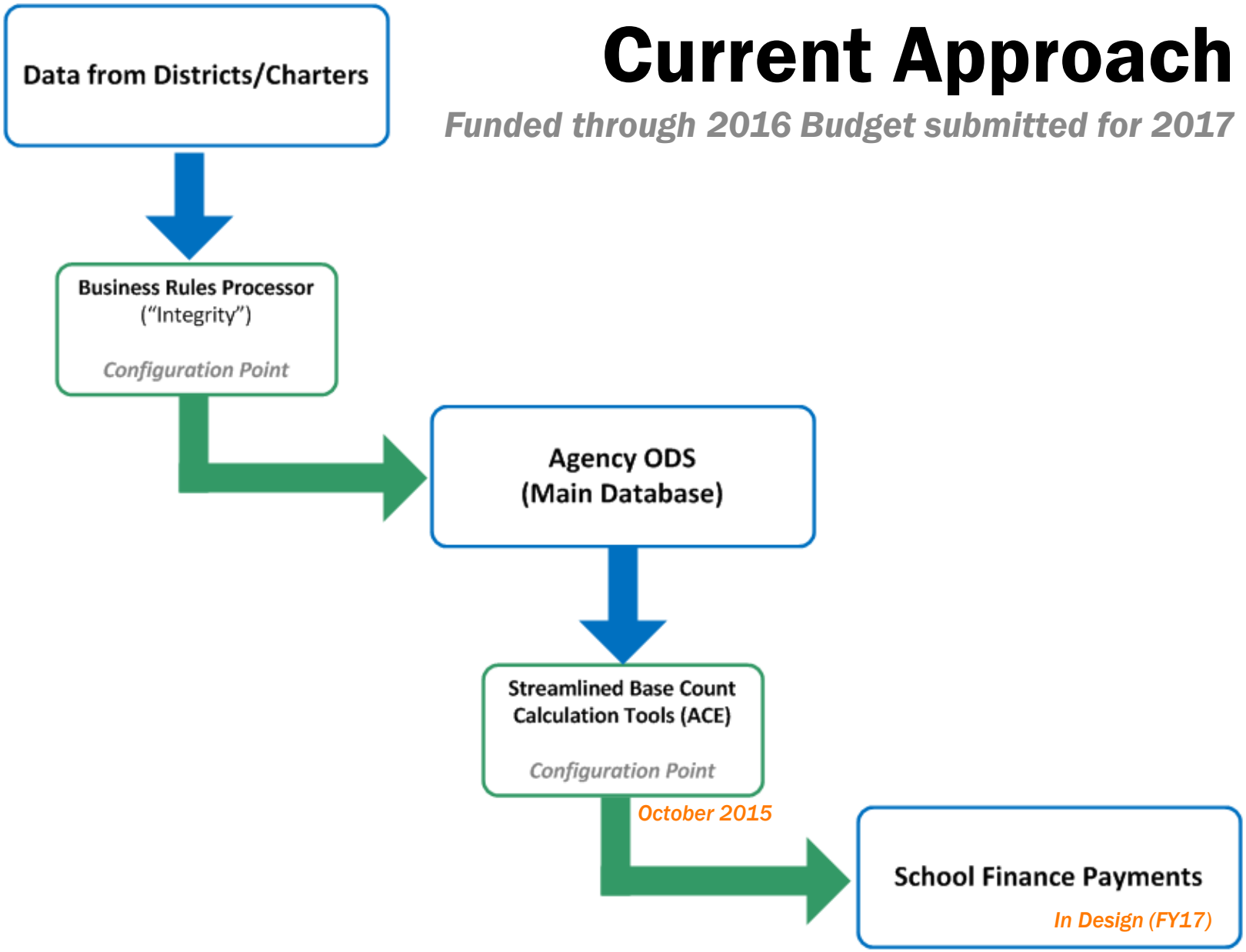
1. **Overview of current SF system**
   - From **Inefficient System / Inefficient Policy** to **Good System / Inefficient Policy**
2. **What the system can and cannot do**
   - Configurability and "what-if" scenarios
3. **What the system *could* do**
   - Accountability and Analytics



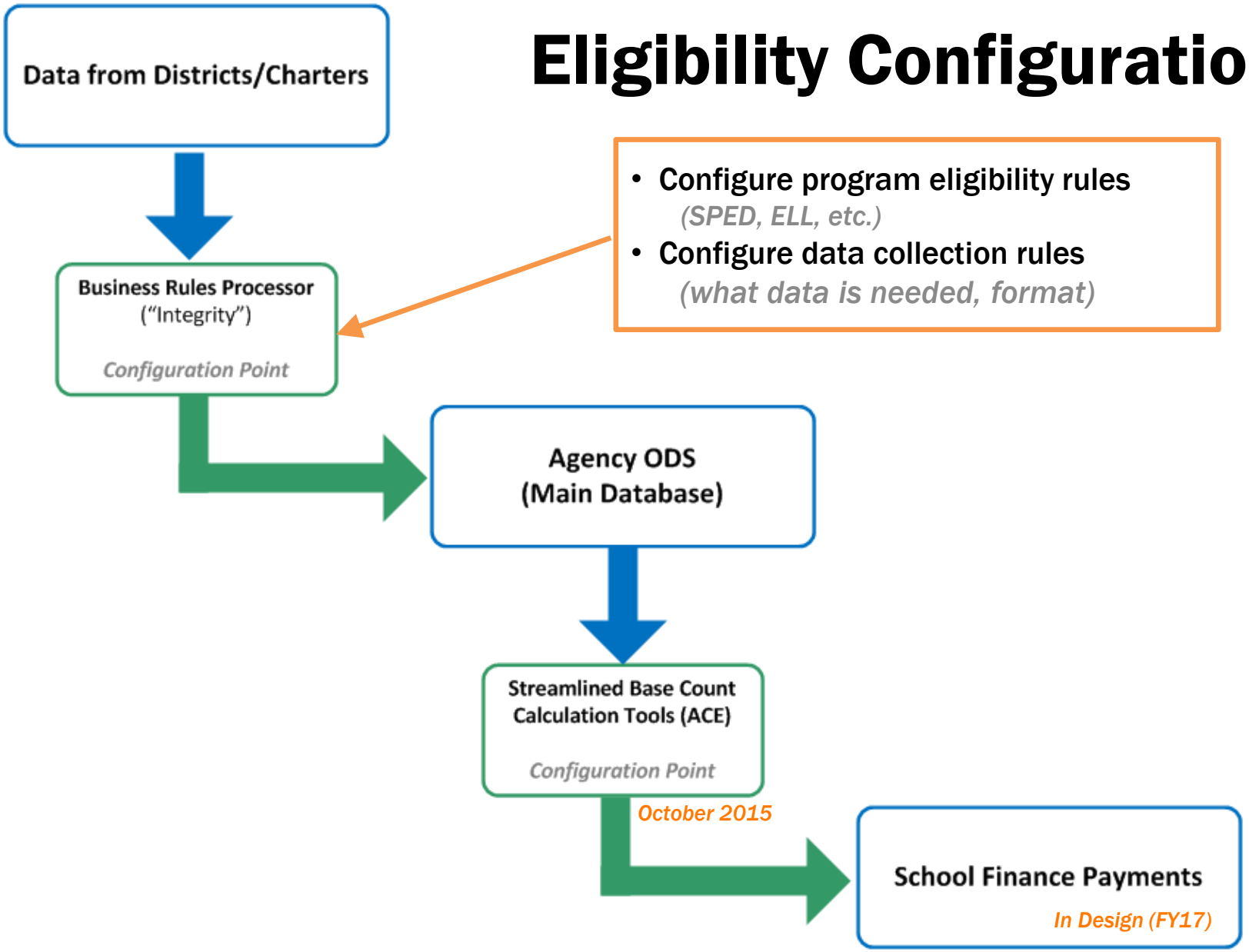
Current System

Current Approach

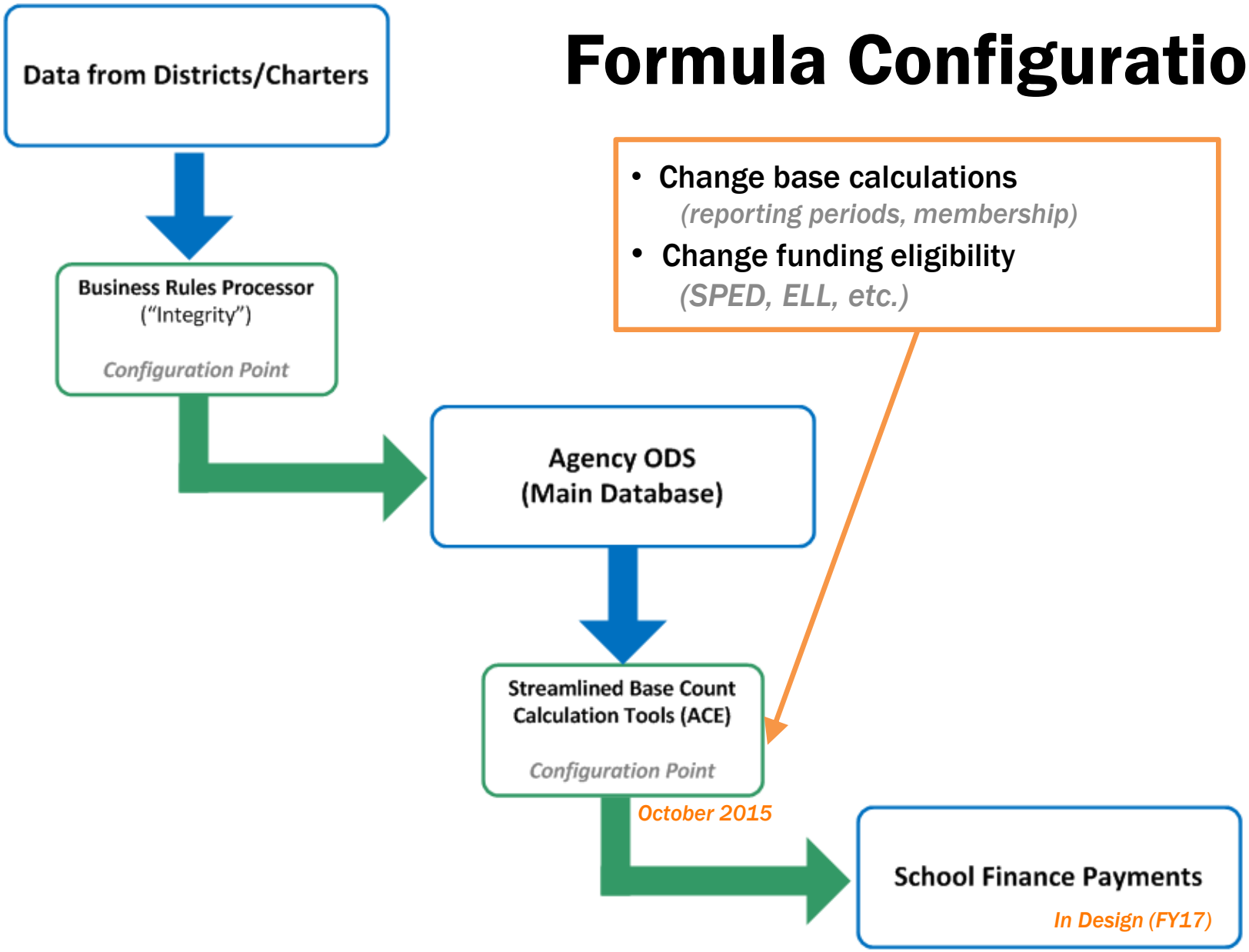
Funded through 2016 Budget submitted for 2017



Eligibility Configuration



Formula Configuration



What does "configurable" mean?

Can Do

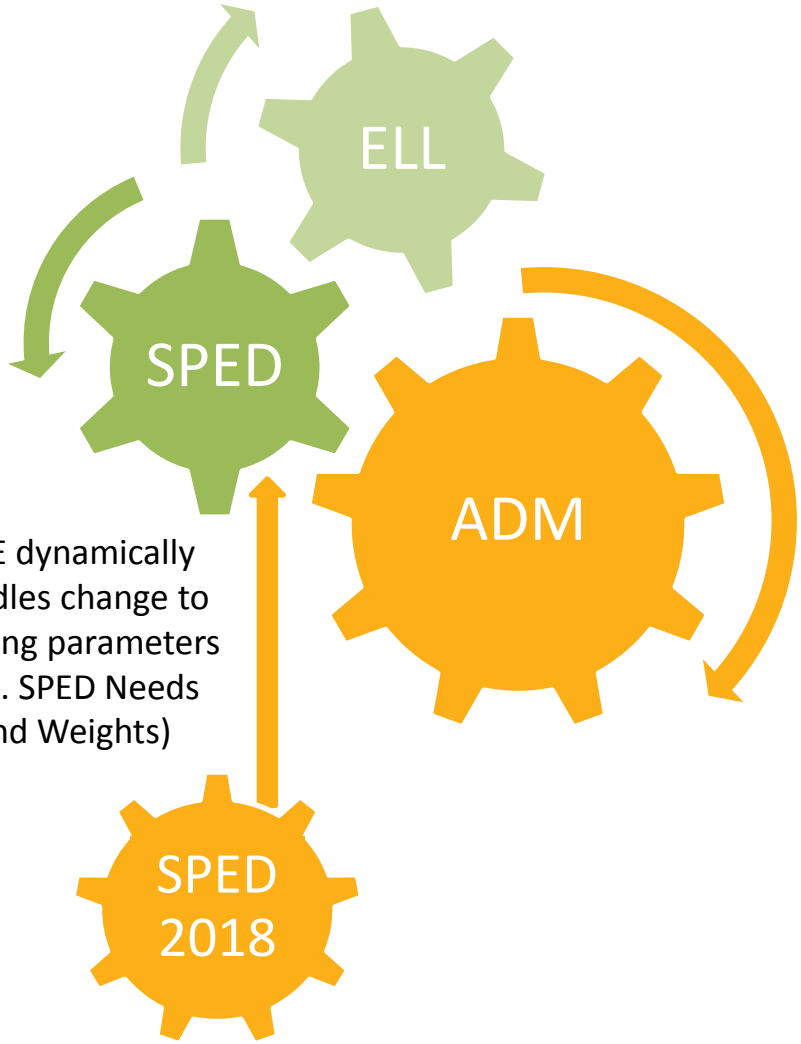
- Modify business rules based on current data parameters and values
- Change funding eligibility criteria (needs, weights)
- Alter how existing data is used for calculations

Limits

- Some modifications require changes at district/charter
- "What-if" only a precursor to full implementation
- Cannot add new data into the mix*

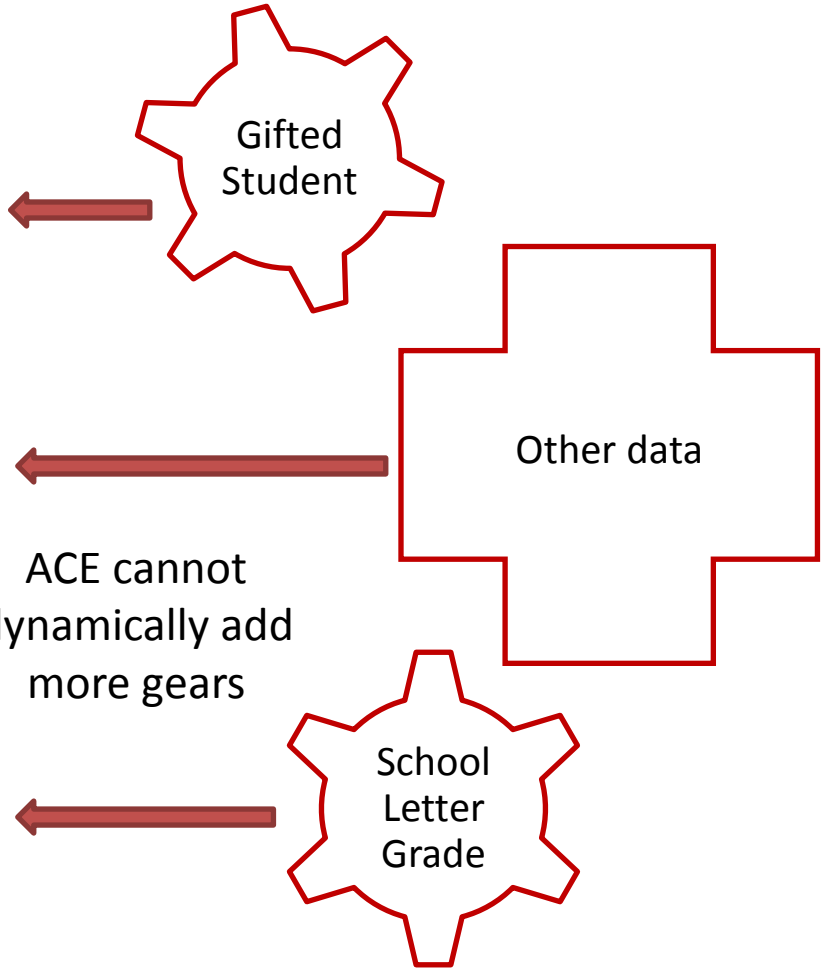
* Requires larger system modifications

Easy



ACE dynamically handles change to existing parameters (e.g. SPED Needs and Weights)

More Difficult



ACE cannot dynamically add more gears

Thank You

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